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TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO

SUBJ: CANDIDATURES FOR ICAO COUNCIL-CUBA AND AFRICA/LA CAUCUS

1. THERE WAS IMPORTANT CAUCUS OF LATIN AMERICA/AFRICA COUNCIL MEMBERS JUNE 23 RE CANDIDACIES. USREP RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPORT DIRECTLY FROM MEXICO REP.

2. GROUP NOW ASSUMES AMENDMENT INCREASING COUNCIL SEATS FROM 30-33 WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVE REQUIRED 86 RATIFICATIONS BY ASSEMBLY. (25 STILL NEEDED). GROUP CANDIDATURES BEING SELECTED/ ENDORSED ON THAT BASIS.

3. LA GROUP TOLD AFRICANS THEY WILL NOT GO ALONG WITH A FIFTH AFRICAN SEAT (GHANA). ONLY WHEN COUNCIL INCREASED WILL GHANA CANDIDACY BE ENDORSED.

4. TRINIDAD-TOBAGO SEAT WAS TO ROTATE TO JAMAICA OR BARBADOS. THEY ARE SQUABBLING AT PRESENT BOTH REPEAT BOTH INTEND TO FILE AND COMPETE. MEXICO OF OPINION BOTH MAY LOSE IN THAT CASE. LACAC ANNOYED BECAUSE NONE OF CARIBBEAN STATES HAVE JOINED LACAC, AND THEREFORE NOT ENTITLED ENDORSEMENT.

5. MEANWHILE, CUBA (LACAC MEMBER) APPEARS BE STRONG USSR-  
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SPONSORED POSSIBILITY FOR CARIBBEAN SEAT ON COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD ALMOST REQUIRE LACAC ENDORSEMENT IN PREFERENCE TO TRINIDAD-TOBAGO OR JAMAICA (NON-MEMBERS). (ACUNA COMMENTED THAT CUBA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE "NEUTRAL" AND "INDEPENDENT" LIKE CZECHOSLOVAKIA\*)

6. MEXICO REP SAID FLATLY THAT THEY HAD AGREED ONE STATE SHOULD

NOT BE RE-ELECTED--YUGOSLAVIA, BECAUSE IT HAD MADE NO CONTRIBUTION  
WHATSOEVER EXCEPT TO OCCASIONALLY FALL IN BEHIND USSR OR  
PRC POSITIONS. FYI: THIS IS CORRECT OBSERVATION. END FYI

7. RE PRC, HE COMMENTED THAT MANY COUNCIL MEMBERS BECOMING  
UNHAPPY WITH PRC BECAUSE THEY NEVER SPEAK OR CONTRIBUTE, BUT USE  
OTHERS TO DO THEIR WORK, ESPECIALLY PAKISTAN. FYI: THIS TOO IS  
CORRECT ALTHOUGH PAKISTAN REP RAFI IS COMPETENT PARTICIPANT WHO  
CONTRIBUTES A GREAT DEAL AND IS EFFECTIVE, RATIONAL IN INTER-  
VENTIONS. OBSERVATION WAS A CRITICISM OF PRC'S MODUS OPERANDI NOT  
PAKISTAN'S SUPPORT. END FYI

8. MEXICO REP SAID BRAZIL TRYING TO DOMINATE LA CAUCUS AND  
LACAC, WHICH IS CAUSING FRICTION WITH SMALLER COUNTRIES AND  
COUNTRIES TO NORTH. THIS LED TO DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL MAKEUP  
LACAC WHICH IS REPORTED SEPTEL.  
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